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DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The demand and production of milk and milk products in the country at present;

(b) the estimated demand of milk and milk products in the country during the next two years;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a comprehensive scheme to promote milk production and its export; and

(d)) if so, the details thereof and the action being initiated by the government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The provisional estimates of production of milk in the country during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are 81.4 and 84.5 million tonnes respectively. The per capita availability of milk per day is 223 grams and 225 grams respectively.

(b): No such data on estimated demand of milk and milk products is available.

(c) & (d):For maintaining the tempo of milk production in the country, the Government of India has been implementing the following schemes:

a. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
b. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development
c. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases
d. National project on Rinderpest Eradication.
e. Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in non-operation flood , hilly and backward areas.

Besides, the Co-operative Milk Unions/ Federations in various states have drawn long term plans with the assistance of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for promoting the activities in processing and manufacturing facilities, quality assurance, productivity enhancement, etc.

For the purpose of promoting exports, the following steps have been taken by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Exports Development Authority (APEDA):

i) Standards have been laid down under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 for export of milk products.Export Inspection Agency (EIA) has been nominated as competent authority for inspection and approval.

ii) Regular contribution in the deliberations for formulating standards by the Codex Alimentarious Commission to ensure that India`s interests are reflected.

iii) Financial assistance is provided to the exporters for setting up of in house quality control laboratories, implementation of international Quality Systems such as HACCP, ISO-9000 etc.

iv) Participation in trade fairs to create awareness of Indian products.